

PAC 10 kicks-off season in half fashion



Dave Campbell's Wolverines riding high after 3-0 start in the PAC 10

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Michigan Wolverines coach, Dave Campbell, rushed into the locker room singing "Hail to the Victors" as his Wolverines captured 3 victories against PAC 10 rivals, USC Trojans, East Carolina Pirates, and the Utah Utes.

In Michigan's game against the USC Trojans, tailback Rob Lytle rushed for 172 yards on 15 carries and 2 touchdowns. The Wolverines only passed 3 times all day, completing two for just 24 yards. USC had a hard time of it as Lynn Cain was held to (-2)

yards rushing on 2 carries. Matt Leinhart did not fair too well as he completed only 4-11 passes for a mere 11 yards. Against East Carolina, the Wolverines won 28-14 in a game that saw the Wolverines jump out on top early.

Anthony Carter came up big receiving and Rob Lytle lit it up on the ground. Chris Johnson racked up some big stats rushing and receiving for East Carolina today. But "Big Blue" could not be stopped for their second win. In another big game by the Wolverines, they

held Coach Robert Runnel's Utah Utes to a 21-7 win.

In the loss, Coach Runnels said Utah's coach was pleased with the passing game. "The passing game and defense did fine today," said Runnels. Against the Wolverines, the last score was a walk in but they held their own at the line of scrimmage.

In Utah's other game, they collected their second interception en route to a 10-0 win over Clemson. Against Michigan, Utah was hoping to get the ball back and score quickly and then get an onside kick, but it was not to be. The special teams were hit and

miss. Steve Smith set up one score against Clemson with an electric 89-yard kickoff return, but the special teams gave up a 100-yd kickoff return to Michigan to start the second half of their game. What a turnaround that was. Utah got an INT inside of Michigan's twenty, but failed to score and the next big play was the Michigan kickoff return that was a big momentum shift! The only real negative today was the total ineffectiveness of the Ute's running attack. Jamal Anderson only had two carries for 0 Yds and Mueller scramble once for 6 yards but that was it. "We have to try to commit to the run and get some holes for our backs" uttered Coach Runnels in disgust.

In other action, the Black College All-Stars bounced back to defeat Clemson and go 2-1-0 under the helm of Coach Eric Robinson. In East Carolina, Coach Rick Garrison is disappointed after 2 crushing losses yesterday. The management and staff at ECU are under scrutiny. In game one, ECU started off with a strong defense but could not get anything going on offense in the first half getting shut out by a tough Southern Jags defense.

In the Second half, ECU turned Chris Johnson and Rick Garrison (WR) loose and quickly scored 14 unanswered points. The Jags buckled down and drove the field to put the game away.

In game 2 against the Wolverines Chris Johnson had a spectacular start taking the opening kickoff 100 yard in 3 seconds for the 7-0 lead but that's all the Wolverines would allow for 3 more quarters. Michigan dominated both offense and defense and not until the 4th quarter when Garrison broke out for a 68-yard TD catch that ECU had any life.

So it is a worrying time in East Carolina as their hopes for a national title are in serious jeopardy after today's poor performance!